

# THE WARRIOR

## "Faces of War"

Written by Daniel Hogan, US Army, Retired, Palmyra, MO

This old veteran has seen the world, Its glory and its strife.  
Times of sorrow and times of joy,  
In military life.  
In distant lands so far from home,  
We fought for what was best.  
We followed orders to the end, Upon our vital quest.  
Some gave much and some gave all,  
But no untouched were there,  
And back at home each day was filled,  
With loving family prayer.  
The only difference of now and then,  
Are the names of exotic places,  
Iraq, Kuwait or Viet Nam,  
The names change, Not the faces.

### *Remembering*

Just an old soldier remembering when his country sent him away  
To a distant land to fight a war that lingers to this day.  
A fight for right and freedom whose cost is dear and high.  
From early in our nation's birth, mother's sons still die.  
At Gettysburg and Flanders Field to Arlington they rest,  
Our country's you go off to war and give their very best.  
Let us not forget those souls who fought for what is right  
That we may feel safe and secure as we go to sleep tonight.

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- Bingo
- Trivia
- Card Game
- Gambling Trip
- Picnics

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## Parade of Stars—2006

Submitted by: Marlene Benne, Inservice Coordinator

On May 31, 2006 the Missouri Veterans' Commission hosted the first ever "Parade of Stars Day". The event was designed to honor and reward those employees that consistently put their best foot forward to make the seven Missouri Veterans' Homes, exceptional homes of quality care.

It was the red carpet treatment for our stars. Each star was treated to a night's accommodations at the beautiful Lake Ozark Country Club. The event started the evening of the 30th with a social hour BBQ, where the stars received T-shirts to commemorate the event. The next morning they were served a breakfast buffet, then, it was off to the brightly decorated conference room, with tables full of snacks and trinkets. "The Powers of the Mind" program was given by Brian Powers, a hypnotist. Interspersed throughout the day were individual accolades, presented by the star's respective administrator as the stars were escorted down the red carpet to receive an award. The celebration was highlighted with a video presentation of the stars in action at their homes set to classic TV show music. In the end, the evaluations were in and the event was deemed the birth of a classic program that should go on for years.

Hats off to all our wonderful, "star" employees. Maybe you weren't selected this year but you have not been forgotten.

## STAR AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS: Goes to the following employees who won the Star Award for the months of May and June 2006.

Chris Peak was drawn for the Star Award for the Month of May 2006.

Chris was nominated by Richard Berrey for working short on the weekends while he was off!

Chris your willingness to go

the extra mile to get the job done when Richard had to be out for family emergencies was greatly appreciated!

Neal Hunter drew this name from the group of stars. Thanks Neal for your help!

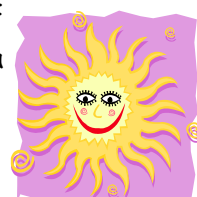
Dee Dee Blair was drawn for the Star Award for the month of June 2006.

Dee Dee was nominated by

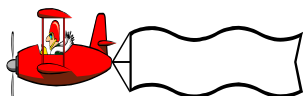
Betty Ann Spurling for finishing long hall med pass on 2nd floor for Jennifer without being asked and also helped with treatments on 2nd floor. This was on top of doing her job on 3rd floor! Great job Dee Dee!

Dee Dee, you go the extra mile to get the job done and your co-workers appreciate the help!

Leona McKinney drew the name from the group of stars. Thanks Leona for your help!



# New Residents



# WELCOME

**Mr. Glenn Crawford:** Mr. Crawford was admitted on May 22, 2006 from Auxvasse, MO as the 972nd resident. He served in the United States Army Cavalry from 1941—1945.

**Mr. Ernest Bloebaum:** Mr. Bloebaum was admitted on May 23, 2006 from St. Charles, MO as the 973rd resident. He served in the United States Army from 1944—1946.

**Mr. James Orf:** Mr. Orf was admitted on June 5, 2006 from Troy, MO as the 974th resident. He served in the United States Air Force from 1942—1948.

**Mr. Robert Tratchel:** Mr. Tratchel was admitted on June 6, 2006 from Mexico, MO as the 975th resident. He served in the United States Air Force from 1942—1945.

**Mr. Bruce Hutchins:** Mr. Hutchins was admitted on June 7, 2006 from Troy, MO as the 976th resident. He served in the United States Air Force from 1942—1945.

**Mr. Howard Sullivan:** Mr. Sullivan was admitted on June 12, 2006 from Macon, MO as the 977th resident. He served in the United States Army from 1942—1945.

**Mr. Harry Durbin:** Mr. Durbin was admitted on June 13, 2006 from Paris, MO as the 978th resident. He served in the United States Army from 1970—1972.

**Mr. David Zumwalt:** Mr. Zumwalt was admitted on June 14, 2006 from Valley Park, Mo as the 979th resident. He served in the United States Navy from 1949—1954.

**Mr. Raymond "Dean" McCann:** Mr. McCann was admitted on June 19, 2006 from Warrensburg, MO as the 980th resident. He served in the United States Navy from 1950—1954.

**Mr. Martin Crawford:** Mr. Crawford was admitted on June 26, 2006 from Auxvasse, MO as the 981st resident. He served in the United States Army from 1942—1946.

**Mr. Clarence Coy:** Mr. Coy was admitted on July 5, 2006 from Mokane, MO as the 982nd resident. He served in the United States navy from 1943—1946.

**Mr. Henry "Frank" Lochridge:** Mr. Lochridge was admitted on July 10, 2006 from Moberly, MO as the 983rd resident. He served in the United States Army from 1951—1953.

**Mr. Clarence Masterson:** Mr. Masterson was admitted on July 11, 2006 from Troy, MO as the 984th resident. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1944—1945 and from 1948—1950.

**Mr. James M. Curtis:** Mr. Curtis was admitted on July 12, 2006 from Williamsburg, MO as the 985th resident. He served in the United States Army from 1943—1946 and from 1950—1951.

**Mr. Thomas E. Owens:** Mr. Owens was admitted on July 25, 2006 from Columbia, MO as the 986th resident. He served in the United States Air Force from 1948—1952.

## Happy birthday to you... ..



MVH staff and residents would like to wish a "Happy Birthday" to the following residents:

### August

Ernest Bloebaum	08/01
Donald Sproul	08/01
Robert Marshall	08/03
John Kramel	08/05
Glen Blakley	08/07
Vernon Rockamann	08/09
Walter McFarland	08/10
Richard Hutchison	08/12
Kenneth Hollender	08/22
Merlin Holt	08/26

Gilbert Green	08/27
Doe Fort	08/31
Thomas Hodges	08/31

### September

Delbert Buck	09/01
Noble Young	09/05
Lynn Woods	09/10
Lawrence Stoops	09/12
John Schollmeyer	09/17
Charlie Myers	09/20
Forrest Sudbrock	09/24
Rex Rodenbaugh	09/29

## Family Day

*September 9,  
2006*

*Lots of fun, food, music,  
a bike show and  
activities are planned  
for the day.*

# DONATIONS



## GENERAL:

American Legion Auxiliary #218	\$ 200.00
VFW Post #5923	100.00
VFW Post #5923	100.00
VVA #70	100.00

## ADOPT-A-VET:

Audrain County VFW Aux. #3772	\$ 60.00
Hermann VFW Aux. #4182	25.00
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Audrain County VFW Aux. #3772	60.00

## ACTIVITIES:

Charlie Myers	\$ 5.98
Grand Lodge of the Elks	70.00
VFW Post #2657	100.00
Military Order of Purple Heart #605	1000.00
American Legion Post #370	500.00
Grand Lodge of the Elks	70.00

## PACE:

American Legion Post #370	\$ 500.00
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## SPECIAL NEEDS:

Dudley Patton Harvey Am.	
Leg. Aux. #349	\$ 200.00
Am. Leg. Auxiliary #347	200.00

## WALKING TRAIL:

40/8 Voiture 292, MO	\$1500.00
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## GOLF TOURNAMENT:

VFW Auxiliary #6133	\$ 50.00
Bridget Sebastian	50.00
Audrain County VFW Aux. #3772	100.00
Wyman Basinger VFW Post #35	100.00
Lt. Col. & Mrs. Anthony Namlick	75.00
Lady Elks Auxiliary #919	240.00
A & B Prescription Shop	25.00
American Legion Auxiliary #174	25.00
United Credit Union	100.00
James Hanifen	240.00
Wentzville Community Club	250.00
Hubbell Paris Am. Leg. #510	240.00
Gerald Long	60.00
Leach Foundation	500.00

Ruth Chapman	50.00
Martin Olivas	60.00
Ben's Auto Body	50.00
Martinsburg Bank & Trust	240.00

## BIRTHDAYS:

George Holtkamp, Jr.	\$ 65.58
George Holtkamp, Jr.	82.00
George Holtkamp, Jr.	20.00

## INDIGENT:

Ernest K. Gerhardt VFW Aux #5923	\$ 100.00
VFW Auxiliary #5923	100.00

## MEDICAL EQUIPMENT:

VFW Post #2657	\$ 200.00
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## BINGO:

VFW Auxiliary #4088	\$ 40.00
UAW #2250	1000.00
VFW Auxiliary #2173	20.00
VFW Post #2173	20.00
VFW Auxiliary #3772	37.00
LPN Students	10.00
VFW Post #2173	20.00
VFW Auxiliary #2173	20.00

## BIBLE STUDY:

ABC Club	\$ 10.00
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## FLAG CEREMONY:

Elks Lodge #919	\$ 50.00
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## RELAY FOR LIFE:

Ned & Elaine Azdell	\$ 50.00
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## ENDOWMENT FUND:

Bridget Sebastian	\$ 10.00
Clifford & Rona Wilson	100.00
Susie & Mike Quinn	100.00
Cleo Sims	20.00
NAACP	250.00

## *Retirement—The Golden Years*

Retirement's a time we all hope to find, they say it starts your good Golden Years. On August 31, 2006 Rose Woodhurst will end 20 years of taking care of the dietary needs of our residents and is fortunate to achieve her goal and retire with her health and experience a time of relaxing and doing the things she has wanted to do. Rose has spent all 20 years in Dietary, first as a Food Service Worker, then moving to her current position of Cook I. Enough cannot be said about Rose's dependability, work ethics and the care she has given to our residents. The Missouri Veterans' Home staff, your co-workers and residents alike wish you well and hope you will let us know of your days from time to time. Retirement Rose is truly your life's Golden Treasure.

## LOST & FOUND

## NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

\*The Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 4th Wednesday of every month in the 3rd floor classroom at 1:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

\*When new clothes or personal items are brought into the facility, please be sure they are marked with the resident's name on them. This is very important. If they are not marked and happen to go through the laundry, there is no way of telling where they belong.


\*The next Family Council meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. at the facility

\*The next Resident Council meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2006 at 9:45 a.m. in the dining room.

The following items have been found and may be claimed from the Social Service Department: walkman, Santa hat, mouth plates/bridges, wallet, eye glasses (some with cases), cloth green/white polka-dotted bag, white ladies sweater, umbrella, brown leather belt, hearing aides, rosaries, pocket knives

# MEMORIAL SERVICE

\* The next Memorial Service will be held  
\* in the dining room on  
\* August 28, 2006 at 9:30  
\* a.m.  
\* Everyone is welcome to  
\* attend.

A cartoon-style illustration of two hands clasped together in a prayer position. The hands are brown-skinned and are wearing a purple sleeve with a white cuff. The hands are positioned on the right side of the text block.



## Recreation News

Submitted by: Kathy Winkelman

Summer is here and summertime activities are in full swing. Special activities planned for August and September include: picnics in the park, movies, Mexico Elk's sponsored air show, senior dance at Hannibal, musical performance by Vintage Memoirs (duo singing songs of the '20's through '40's), and many other activities. Watch the calendar for all the exciting details.

Here are the special events for the months of June and July:

### June

- 1—Cheese Tasting Party. Residents tried different varieties of cheese.
- 6—Picnic at Lakeview Park
- 7—Coffee and Donuts
- 8—Out to lunch & movie
- 11—Trip to Grant's Farm
- 17—Music by Front Porch Pickers
- 20—Bingo with LPN students
- 21—Fishing Trip
- 23—Music by Clear Creek Country
- 25—Music with Williams' Karaoke Group
- 27—Picnic at Lakeview Park
- 30—Fishing Trip

### JULY

- 4—Independence Day celebrations with ice cream sundaes & trip to view Mexico fireworks.
- 11—Out to lunch & movie
- 19—Watermelon feast
- 20—Out for supper & ice cream
- 22—Music by Front Porch Pickers
- 28—Music by Glenn Wallace

## TAPS

The staff and residents of MVH wish to express our deepest condolences to the family and friends of our residents who have passed away recently.



**Mr. Tony Grandison:** Mr. Grandison expired on May 20, 2006. He had served in the United States Army from 1950—1954. Mr. Grandison was admitted to the facility on December 18, 2000 as the 744th resident.

**Mr. James McKinney:** Mr. McKinney expired on May 23, 2006. He served in the United States Navy from 1945—1946. Mr. McKinney was admitted to the facility on November 7, 2005 as the 963rd resident.

**Mr. Rupert Payne:** Mr. Payne expired on May 28, 2006. He served in the United States Navy from 1942—1946. Mr. Payne was admitted on October 3, 2005 as the 960th resident.

**Mr. Curtis Schulze:** Mr. Schulze expired on May 29, 2006. He served in the United States Navy from 1938—1957. Mr. Schulze was admitted to the facility on November 19, 2002 as the 834th resident.

**Mr. Tirso Diaz:** Mr. Diaz expired on June 23, 2006. He served in the United States Army from 1942—1945. Mr. Diaz was admitted to the facility on February 3, 1989 as the 260th resident.

**Mr. George "Bob" Sullivan:** Mr. Sullivan expired on June 25, 2006. He served in the United States Army from 1944—1946. Mr. Sullivan was admitted to the facility on February 3, 1999 as the 660th resident.

**Mr. Robert P. Rouse:** Mr. Rouse expired on June 26, 2006. He served in the United States Army from 1943—1946. Mr. Rouse was admitted on August 30, 2004 as the 915th resident.

**Mr. Norman Strom:** Mr. Strom expired on July 2, 2006. He served in the United States Army from 1941—1945. Mr. Strom was admitted to the facility on February 4, 1997 as the 590th resident.

**Mr. Harvey Tucker:** Mr. Tucker expired on July 12, 2006. He served in the United States Army from 1941—1945. Mr. Tucker was admitted to the facility on April 4, 2005 as the 936th resident.

## MEMORIALS

*In memory of Charles Kent:* David & Lisa Isaacson

*In memory of James Cottrell:* William & Dorothy Foster, Rex, Ruth & Gale Cragen, James Cottrell, Elaine Lippencott, Don & Katherine Riechard, Adiel Baptist Church

*In memory of Leo Grim:* Charles & Teresa Wright

*In memory of Howard Forrest:* Millie Baker, Denni Denham, Mark & Nancy Hooken, Carolyn Pearson

*In memory of James McKinney:* Leona McKinney

*In memory of Doug Erwin:* First Baptist Church of Wellsville

*In memory of John Healy:* Marvin & Margaret Babb, Kritzer Family

*In memory of Curtis Schulze:* Paul Galloway, Charles & Virginia Morris, Deborah Dallardo

*In memory of Dorothy Haxton:* Chuck & Geri McKee, Frank & Norma Watson, Jana Gerstenecker & Judy Bartel, Ray & Adeline Dixon, Hams Prairie Church, Jay & Marsha Clingener, John & Kay Neudecker, Herbert & Alma Schmid, Bernadine Clingeman, Wayne & Barbara Brooks, Juanita Heidin, Clara Elsewath, Herbert & Alma Schmid, Ethel Mirts, Rosalee Schmid, Colvin & Dorothy Schmid, Chris & Blanche Binggeli

*In memory of Bob Sullivan:* Jane Manard, Joy & Mike Keith, Jerry & Shirley Brauer, Frank & Shirley Thieman, The McDaniel's, Mokane Chapter 352 OES, Martha Carroll

*In memory of Forrest Hatfield:* Theodore Bryan, Eddie & Connie Sydenstricker, Clinton & Jewell Secrease, Joe & Teresa Secrease, Ray & Angie Secrease, Bill & Connie Secrease, Wilda Secrease, Kenny Smith, Bill & Mae Fennewald

*In memory of Ernest Williamson:* Pauline Williamson



# MVH EMPLOYEE CORNER

Susan Allen, Nursing Scheduler, was selected as the Employee of the Month for June 2006. She was nominated for her dedication and dependability to her job. She is always friendly, courteous and willing to work with staff and adjust schedules to meet their needs, if at all possible. She communicates well when it comes to hiring new employees, checking references and getting the new hires set up for orientation and a start date. She was recognized at a reception on May 31, 2006 at the facility. At the time, she received a certificate of appreciation, a \$25 check, a certificate for a day off with pay and her name was placed on the plaque and hung in the employee breakroom for the month. ***Congratulations, Susan!***

Sandy Stubblefield, CNA, was selected as the Employee of the Month for July 2006. Sandy was nominated for her dedication and dependability to her job. She is always very kind and respectful to the Veterans and staff and goes above and beyond her duties when caring for the residents. Sandy was recognized at a reception on July 6, 2006 at which time she received a certificate of appreciation, a \$25 check, a certificate for a day off with pay and her name was placed on the plaque along with her photo and displayed in the lobby for the month. ***Congratulations, Sandy!***

**It's a Boy!** Hunter Parker Cuno was born June 21, 2006 at 10:38 a.m. He weighted 7 lbs. 0.5 oz. and was 18 3/4 inches long. The proud parents are Hillary (C.N.A. on evening shift) & Isaac Cuno and Sara Cuno (C.N.A. on evenings) is the proud aunt. ***Congratulations!***

Karen & Bob Hurst are the proud grandparents of Kaden Lee Hurst. He was born June 21, 2006 at 12:19 p.m. weighing in at 9 lbs. 2 oz. He was 22 inches long! ***Congratulations, Karen & Bob!***

**Thank you** for your kindness, your caring and for all the thoughtful ways you made a difference in our lives. A special thank you to J.R., Tami, Judy and Gary for the effort and time they put into the raffle. God Bless you all! Richard & Sarah Berrey

## EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

### Employee Update As of July 10, 2006

Brenda Landers      06/14  
Ronda Hotaling      07/10

**WELCOME TO  
BOTH OF YOU!**

#### August

Jeanetta Cheatum	08/03
Kathy Righter	08/04
Vera Wilson	08/05
Martha Maggard	08/05
Carolyn Brown	08/07
Tami Grawe	08/09
Tammy Bise	08/11
Mary Starks	08/11
Rose Woodhurst	08/12
Korey Smith	08/13
Susie Pinkerton	08/14
Ronda Hotaling	08/17
Pat Curtis	08/21
Cindy Shelton	08/22
Sally Beasley	08/23
Alicia Early	08/24
Aimie Laramore	08/26
Carol Shirley	08/29
Richard Berrey	08/31



#### September

Don Adams	09/04
Heather Whelan	09/05
Shelly Lovelace	09/10
Amber Bosworth	09/11
Crystal Gale	09/12
Eva Leake	09/15
Mary Vines	09/17
Kathy McCluggage	09/17
Norma Applebee	09/18
Nina Maddox	09/20
Vonda Chase	09/20
Ashlee Hollomon	09/23
J.R. Thomas	09/26
Jonathan Williams	09/27

**Missouri Veterans Commission and  
Department of Public Safety  
Employee of the Month Announcements**

Joe Dailey, Veterans benefits Claims Representative for the Service to Veterans Program was selected as the Missouri Veterans Commission June 2006 Employee of the Month.

Joe was recognized for his willingness to “step up to the plate” to start early applications for injured soldiers separating from medical hold while also maintaining and securing benefits for disabled veterans. Joe’s in-depth knowledge of the VA disabilities system has been instrumental in maintaining the quality of life for all his clients. **Congratulations, Joe!**

Sarah Wyatt, Clinical Casework Assistant II for the Warrensburg Veterans Home was selected as the Missouri Veterans Commission July 2006 Employee of the Month.

Sarah was recognized for her willingness to go above and beyond what is required of her position to insure that our residents receive the best possible care which allows for their continued enhanced quality of life. Sarah’s effective and positive communication with family members helps to insure they are informed of and are involved in all of the daily decisions concerning their loved ones. **Congratulations, Sarah!**

## ***Residents’ Rights***

### **Residents Have the Right To.....**

1. Be fully informed of medical condition and participate in your care.
2. Voice Grievances and recommend changes.
3. Manage your own finances or to have MVH accounting do it for you.
4. Be fully informed of all services available in the facility.
5. Confidentiality of medical, mental or financial status.
6. Be treated at all times with dignity and individuality.
7. Not required to perform services for the home.
8. Not have mail or other communication censored.
9. Retain and utilize personal clothing and possessions.
10. Participate in Resident Council.
11. Be free from chemical or physical restraints.
12. See the MVH physician or a physician of your choice at your expense.
13. Refuse medical treatment or execute an advance directive.
14. File a complaint with Health and Senior Services, State Ombudsman Program and Missouri Veterans Commission.
15. Work or perform services for the facility.
16. Self-administer medications.
17. Reasonable access to use a phone in private.
18. Be free from mental, physical, sexual and verbal abuse or neglect.
19. Share a room with a spouse if both parties agree.
20. Examine the most recent survey.
21. Legal guardians exercise the rights of the residents.
22. Any legal surrogate, designated by state law may exercise your rights.
23. Be free from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination and reprisal.



## MVH Staff Phone Directory

The following is a list of phone/fax numbers with extension numbers to various managers & areas in the facility that might be helpful to you in calling:

Missouri Veterans' Home Phone # 573-581-1088  
Missouri Veterans' Home Fax # 573-581-5356

Clinic Phone # 573-581-9630  
Clinic Fax # 573-581-0315

Don Adams, Engineer	241
Susan Allen, Nursing Scheduler	252
Teresa Ames, Environmental Service	287
Linda Baldwin, Personnel Clerk	254
Marlene Benne, Ins. Coordinator	262
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Susan Paden, Volunteer Services	286
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Gary Westerman, Supply Manager	279
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### *CENSUS*

WW II	94
Korean	35
Vietnam	13
Peacetime	9

## Renovation Project

Starting approximately August 1st, we will be replacing the flooring on the 1st floor. This project will require moving all the residents from a module area, replacing the flooring and moving on to the next module, so you will see many changes during this renovation period. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.



# **Lasagna Dinner, Auction & Entertainment**

Hosted by:

**Missouri Veterans' Home - Mexico  
&  
Elks Lodge #919**

Friday, October 6, 2006  
Mexico Elks Lodge, Hwy JJ, Mexico, MO

**5-6 Social Hour      6-7 Dinner  
7-8 Auction**

Tickets \$7.50

**Proceeds benefit the Alzheimer's Association**

For additional information contact  
Stacy Duncan (573)581-1088 x265



# Notes from Home

Dear Ms. Tolbert:

The purpose of this letter is to express to you and your entire staff the sincere and heartfelt thanks and appreciation of our mother and B's wife L.S., my sisters K.S.G. and L.S. and the entire family of G.R. (B)S. As you are aware, until his passing on June 25, 2006, B. had been a long-time patient at your facility.

Throughout his lengthy stay we were continually impressed with the consistent professionalism, caring, good humor, and personalized treatment everyone throughout your staff afforded all the patients at the Missouri Veterans Home. From the time B. was admitted we observed the wonderful dedication of all the folks on your staff and it gave us great comfort that our loved one was receiving the best care possible. One of the most impressive things is that throughout his stay, we never experienced an exception and were never treated other than in a professional, patient, caring, and helpful way by anyone.

By copy of this letter, we want to insure that Senator Bond was made aware of the excellence of the Missouri Veterans Home achieved by you and all the employees there. Senator Bond has tirelessly advocated for veterans in general, and for the Missouri Veterans Home in particular. He can feel great pride and satisfaction in this Missouri "jewel". We hope that you can appropriately share with your entire staff and any other VA personnel you feel appropriate; our tremendous appreciation and admiration for the job you and your staff are doing.

With deep appreciation,  
R.Z.P.  
On behalf of the family,  
R.P.

To the Staff of the MVH,

I wanted to write to express how much I appreciate your kind care of my father, C.K.

Some of you were there on first floor when we brought Dad to the Veterans' Home in 2003, and you know how hard it was for us to do that. Everyone we encountered in all of Dad's time with you was unfailingly kind to us, open to our questions and always expressed a desire to help. Many of you dealt with my mom, as she agonized over her separation from Dad. I'm sure you realized that her expressions of anxiety were about her feelings than about any real concern over the quality of Dad's care. As you know, she was diagnosed with lung cancer and passed away in December of 2004. She had never dreamed that Dad would outlive her, but was very grateful in her

last days to know that he would be well cared for by all of you. She also appreciated your efforts to keep here passing secret from Dad. My brother and I had a hard time with Mom's death, as many of you probably discerned, and it was such a relief to us that we did not have to worry about Dad in the midst of our grief.

D. & I, and various friends, visited Dad at a variety of times and always found him well-cared for, clean, and as happy as he ever had been. I never saw an unkind word, look or attitude expressed toward him by any of you, and I know that while he was a basically kind man, he was not always easy to deal with. I also saw so many expressions of love and cheer toward him, and these were very heart-warming. The atmosphere at the MVH is great, and that is a sign to me that everyone from the top down is working hard to give the best care possible to the veterans.

Thank you all so much for everything,  
L.I.

Dear Stacy,

Thank you and all of the staff at the Missouri Veterans Home for your kindness and care given to N. and to all of us, his family. He made you his family and you made him part of your family.

Yes he was my Uncle, some twenty years my elder; nevertheless, when my family and I visited with my grandmother (his and my mother's mother) he and I would sneak off and play, sometimes going hunting, some time going fishing, or just playing. We had good times together, he was just that kind of person. As we grew older we saw less of each other but our friendship did not get lost in the years. He was like an older brother which I did not have. When the time came and it was necessary for someone to step forward for him I was glad that I could do that. He is the last of nine children. The first six did not survive to their teen years. His father died when he was about nine years old. I have buried his only sister, my mother, and now have had the honor to carry him forward to the next step.

As to what comes next. N. is being buried at St. John's Cemetery or sometimes known as "The Old Swede Cemetery" near Crocker, Missouri. The family (my wife, children, and grandchildren) have made arrangements with our minister prior to his death and are having a private memorial service for him. We will be sure to remember you, the staff at the Missouri Veterans Home, all those that he came in contact with through the years.

He enjoyed life and that is the way it should be.  
Respectfully,  
R.P. and family

The family of R.D.P. would like to thank the Missouri Veterans Home, Mexico, MO for the care given R. while a resident there. We appreciate everything you did for him.

R.P. & family

## ***NEWS FROM A RESIDENT***

Dallas Smart's great-grandson won grand champion baby in the baby show at the 65th annual Jonesburg Homecoming on Sunday, June 18th. Trevor Brandenburg, 8 month old is the son of Sonja Brandenburg and Paul McEneany of Montgomery City. **Congratulations, Trevor!**

### ***Mexico Facility Sends Workers***



A team from the Mexico facility recently assisted with the recovery at the St. Louis Veterans Home after the recent storm/power outage. Pictured at left, front row left to right is Matthias McManus, Louie Ames, Gary Westerman, Danny Schlatt, Back row, Don Adams. Not pictured Joe Secrease.

### ***UPCOMING DATES***

MVH will be sponsoring their 7th Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 12th at Arthur Hills Golf Course in Mexico. Call 573-581-1088 ext. 286 to register a team or sponsor a cart or hole at the event.

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in the MVH Activity Room on Thursday, August 31st from 1-5. Everyone is welcome to come and give the “gift of life.”

MVH Staff Development Committee will be sponsoring a book fair on Wednesday, September 27th from 7:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. in the Activity Room at the facility. “Books Are Fun” will be the company bringing the books for the display. Everyone is welcome to come and support this











